

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original) A composite material-stiffened panel, comprising:

a skin obtained by molding a fiber-reinforced resin composite material into a flat skin;

stiffeners arranged in rows on one surface of said skin; and

a fiber-reinforced resin-composite material stitched on said skin covering said stiffeners.

Claim 2 (Original) The composite material stiffened panel according to claim 1, further comprising ribs for connecting said stiffeners arranged in rows.

Claims 3-6 (Deleted)